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TEACHING METHOD FOR TRANSFER MECHANISM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) and a copy of the Japanese document which is cited and discussed on page 1 of Applicants' specification.

This Statement also submits additional papers to the PTO from International Application No. PCT/JP2005/005529. The submitted papers are:


- (1) PCT Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IB/338); and
- (2) PCT Translation of International Preliminary Report on Patentability (PCT/IPEA/409).

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in advance of the receipt of a first Office Action in this application. Therefore, it is believed that no fees are due under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b)(3).

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